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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The hon. Member should throw away the obsession of commnuities. There is no such community as ' drinking families '. "

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Is the Hon. the Chief Minister aware that these women offenders are generally engaged in the preparation and distillation of arracks as a cottage industry and whether he will take steps to appoint some women officers to do propaganda in the villages so that these poor women may not take to this kind of illicit distillation? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" This is a very good suggestion and it coincides with my own ideas. We must have women for propaganda and not for enforcement work. I want to request the hon. Members not to use the term ' cottage industry ', because I know it is generally done outside the cottages."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" If the figures supplied by the Hon. the Chief Minister are correct, I wish to withdraw my remarks as far as the women offenders are concerned. But, in view of the fact that there are large number of male offenders, will the Government constitute an impartial Committee to go into the question of the working of Prohibition in our State and then come to a decision instead of depending upon a faddist theory? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Hard words do not break my bones. (Laughter.) It is not a faddist theory. It is as much a faddist theory as speaking truth is good, as honesty is the best policy and drinking is bad. Regarding the other question as to whether we should appoint a Committee, I do not believe that we should get frightened by the number of prosecutions. Because, the number of prosecutions is index number one to the prevalence of crime and to the detection of crime. I don't think that detection of crime can be shown as going down in order to boost any faddist theory."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" இந்தக் குற்றவாளிகளில் Prohibition இலாக்காவைச் சேர்ந்தவர்கள் எவ்வளவு பேர் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Cheap gibe, Sir ! "

Payment of bonus to the workers of the Kerala Soap Institute, Kozhikode.

10–50 a.m. * 84 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the workers of Kerala Soap Institue, Kozhikode, have been paid their bonus for the year 1950–51?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government have ordered the payment of bonus from the year 1950–51 onwards to the workers of the Kerala Soap Institute, Kozhikode, before 31st March 1954."

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Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know why there has been this inordinate delay in the matter of grant of bonus for 1950–51? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The principles that should govern the payment of bonus had not been codified so far. The Government, therefore, examined in all its aspects the question of adopting certain general principles for the regulation of the grant of bonus so that this question need not come up to the Government year after year. That has been done and there will be no trouble in future, Sir. "

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" When the Government ask the other employers to give bonus to the workers regularly, why not the Government themselves set a good example for the other employers to follow, by granting these bonuses regularly and in time as the factories are managed by Government? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" By paying bonus to their own workers, the Government, I think, have already set up a very good example."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Government have already taken three years to sanction the bonus. May I know how long it will take for the Government to actually pay the bonus to the workers? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I have said previously, the Government have ordered the payment of the bonus before 31st March 1954. There is a difference between the Government and private commercial concerns. As far as the Government is concerned, once the principle is codified, there will be no trouble, and it will be followed year after year. As far as private managements are concerned, the question has to be taken up every year, has to be settled by referring the matter to adjudication and thus there will be delay. But from the Government's point of view, we feel that the workers will benefit by our method."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" சர்க்காரால் நடத்தப்படும் ஸ்தாபனங்களில் வேலை செய்யும் தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு வருஷாவருஷம் போனஸ் கொடுப்பதற்கு முறையான சட்ட திட்டங்கள் வகுத்திருப்பதாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். அதேபோல, இதர நிர்வாகத்திலிருக்கக்கூடிய தனிப்பட்ட முதலாளிகளும் தங்கள் தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு ஒரே மாதிரியாக போனஸ் கொடுப்பதற்காகச் சட்டம் கொண்டுவர சர்க்கார் யோசிப்பார்களா ? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is no law at the present moment. If all the managements follow the lead given by the Government, we shall be most happy, Sir."

Construction of a bridge over the Vallar river near Vriddhachalam.

* 85 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN (on behalf of Sri M. Kattimuthu): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works